

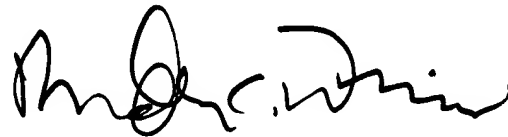
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action, claims 1-30 were pending. Upon entry of the present paper, claims 1-30 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 31-47 are added. Applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3160.

Respectfully submitted,

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